

Remarks

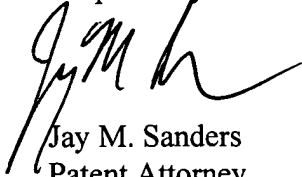
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 19, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the method-of-screening claims of Group II (which was associated with claim 2). In light of the restriction, all of the claims as originally filed (claims 1-24) are hereby canceled without prejudice in favor of claims 25-41. Claims 25-41 should correspond to the general subject matter of Group II, relative to the other groups identified in the Restriction Requirement. Subparts of claim 2 are now in independent claims. Basis for these claims can be found in Examples 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, and 15 of the specification as filed. No new matter has been added by these claims. These claims also specify a rootworm insect, as this was one of the insects that yielded positive test results in the series of screens discussed in Example 15.

It should be noted that to reduce complexity of examination, excess claim fees, and the like, some of the dependent claims are not duplicated. For example, with reference to claim 39, it should be clear that the insects in claims 25, 28, and 29 could be in larval form. Similarly, with respect to independent claims 25 and 28 for example, culture broths could contain proteins.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned if clarification is needed or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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